

**Department of Planning and Budget
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB186

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Gilbert

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Authority to prohibit land application of sewage sludge.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes a locality, by ordinance, to prohibit the land application of sewage sludge within its boundaries; makes clarifying amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate at this time.

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), this bill may result in (i) a decrease in the revenue from fees currently received by the agency for any locality that prohibits the land application of sewage sludge within its boundaries, and (ii) a corresponding decrease in oversight and inspections conducted by the biosolids program within DEQ. However, since it is not known which, if any, localities would prohibit land application of sewage sludge as permitted by this bill, any revenue or expenditure impact is indeterminate at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Environmental Quality.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/13/2012